

I.D.UNDER

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Hello. For those of you who have never received an I.D.UNDER newsletter before, this is it. For those of you who have in the past and thought that the long absence of a next one meant that the I.D.UNDER newsletter was over, it isn't. Or at least not until after this one. There is a story behind this newsletter, and as always, a purpose. Thank you for your patience.

*** LETTER ***

This is an open letter to all I.D.UNDER fans, scene workers, and interested parties from me, Douglas Ward. For those of you who don't know me, I was the guitarist/singer for I.D.UNDER. Many of you just saw I.D.UNDER play, and many of you who were booking agents, 'zine editors, or band people knew me directly in person, in letters, or over the phone. I have always thought (and often said) that meeting the multitudes of people that I have through I.D.UNDER has been the greatest reward that playing/singing has brought me. With that in mind, it is with great reluctance that I perform this, my last I.D.UNDER duty.

As of Wednesday, June 14th, 1989, the band I.D.UNDER was no more. This letter to you all will serve as a last I.D.UNDER newsletter, its obituary, and the beginning of new things to come. But first, let me tell you the story.

The last newsletter that was sent out was in March. It contained all the regular information, an improved contact list, a plea for stamps, and an announcement about the release of "GENERICIDE". Like its predecessors, it generated an ever increasing amount of "subscribers" and letters, which added up to lots of work and postage. In April, it was decided to issue the newsletter once every two months, in order to save money on postage. A postcard was printed to that effect, but it was never sent, due to lack of postage.

At this point, I intended to go ahead and get the May NL together, and explain the delay there. Well, May was a busy month, as it was the last month before I.D.UNDER was planning on embarking on a 9 to 10 week national tour. It was settled that there would be one last (and by this time, big) newsletter released before I.D.UNDER left. The project never got past that point.

On the afternoon of Wednesday the 14th, three days before I.D.UNDER was to leave, drummer Eric and bassist Zac, the other 2/3rds of the band, called me on the telephone and quit the band. I can honestly tell you that I have never been so surprised and disbelieving as of that moment. Eric had been in the band since a few months after its beginning in 1985, and Zac a solid member since Feb '88. I asked for reasons, and they were many, but odd and unspecific. Zac had simply decided that being in a band was a "hassle", and that getting a part time job to pay for strings and train fare to practice was an enormous effort that he was not willing to undertake. Eric recounted a stream of contradictory petty plights, none of which would constitute leaving the band. Whatever the real reasons were, it was certain that they were dead set in their decisions, and that this was the end of I.D.UNDER.

There are miles of pages that I could write on this subject, but I refrain. I.D.UNDER was the best project I was ever involved with (essentially my first) and in no way do I feel that I.D.UNDER had accomplished all that it could do. Eric said that he reviewed all our past recordings, and found no reason to go on. But the act is done, and I know that what we had done together was great. I look back on it with pride. I.D.UNDER wrote and played powerful, raw music that was interesting because it was unique and fresh. The music was fun and relevant. That was our goal.

I do not harbour any resentments towards Eric and Zac; they did what they did because they felt it was right. The reasoning was immature, and the timing was selfish, but the emotion was sincere. For the last reason alone, I suppose that it was good that it came out, although it could have come out at a better time. As the one who put up all the money for the tour, its supplies, promotional materials, long distance phone calls (to both book and unbook the tour) T-shirts, van overhaul and outfitting, even sub-letting my apartment for the duration we were to be gone, I was slammed. I lost all of the above, lots of money, my band, and worst of all, two friends.

I started when I was 16, and I had nothing. But after this loss, at age 21, what I am left with is 4 1/2 years of touring, recording, singing, playing, song-writing, managing, and booking experience. I am in contact with scads of bands, booking agents, clubs, record co. people, all of whom are in touch with this scene all over the country, and are both sympathetic and supporting. I have this newsletter and all of the people on it as interested fans. I have a van, a practice space, and nice equipment. All of these I have, and with them I am going to carry on.

That ends the first part of this "open letter". The second part is the future. I.D.UNDER did some great things, but what it was doing is far from done. My plans from this point are several. First, I intend on keeping this newsletter going (regularly) as a free information forum. It will be called the Chicago Alternative Contact Bulletin. I

will keep the contact sheet going (and growing!), the free ad space, and the openness towards an open discussion forum. Gone will be the I.D.UNDER news and show reviews (of course), and instead I will write a brief Chicago scene report covering the usual crap, as well as non-music scene info that relates to the "underground".

Next, I will take time this summer to find and meet new musicians, with the goal of forming a new band. I do not want the new band to be an attempt at an I.D.UNDER mark II at all. I want to have the power, originality, and rawness of I.D.UNDER, but beyond that, I am open for anything. I think that I would like to be involved in some version of a four-piece. Not the standard guitar-bass-drums-vocals, but something like guitar-bass and two drummers, or two basses. Also, guitar-bass-drums and violin, or flute, or something. Just take the basic lineup and work in an interesting twist. I know that a band where everyone sang would be best, and especially if one or more could be female. A dual male-female lead vocal would be great. Anyone who is interested or knows someone who is interested, please call me a.s.a.p., I don't care about age, sex, race, experience, or anything. You just have to want to do it all the way, recording, touring, etc. Thankx.

Finally, I intend on starting to play with the new band by the fall, hopefully record and release a record by the spring, and do a short winter break tour, a spring break tour, and go on a long 9 week tour in the summer of '90. This newsletter will become the newsletter of the new band. All this pretty far in the future, but it is a plan.

Well, that's what's up. If anyone wants to learn more about any of this, please write or call me. This has been a long letter, so I'll get on with it.

As the last part of this letter section, I'd like to print the thank you list that I.D.UNDER was gathering to print with our next release. Without all of these people (and many more) independent music would cease to exist. Everyone on this list should feel proud of making our music scene work.

THANK: Russ Forster & Cari B from Underdog Records, Paul H, SCREECHING WEASLE, everyone who put us up including: the girls from heaven, the queen of the egg water, and the Evobodas, roadies Mike, Jeff, and Eric, old neighbors Tim & Karen, NO EMPATHY, HAUNTING SOULS & Jamy's mom, INFANTS OF SIN & all the Sinfantry, Eric from LIFE SENTENCE, Matt "Nellie's" Nelson, Sean D, Mike and Melisa & CBD in Nash, Simone B, the MISLED, Tin Lamb, Kamala, Extortion zine, Dave Best & Roadkill Records, LIFED BOYZ, Mr. Stain in Toledo, Sarolta C, Andreas in Memphis, Iris Hale, southside Scott D, Steve H, Suzanne at KTF, Modern Music, Jenny P, Photofont, Design M/W, Nicole S, WNUR people, Dave from VAMPIRE LEZBOE, Kevin of DEAD SILENCE, Andy of Exit, Shayson of NAKED HIPPY, Julie Bowers, Jerry Karpe, Perry in Iowa City, AACM, BLOODY F. MESS, John Green, Ashley, everyone who supported the NL with stamps, Dean & Don from Kenosha, ads, art, letters and encouragement, THE MR. T EXPERIENCE, Mike Potential, Ken Gross, Ron R of SPUNSETUNNEL, The Gilman Str. Guys, Doug D, Lynn T, Allstate Ins., Eric V in Indy, and without exception Mike from Pro-Am.

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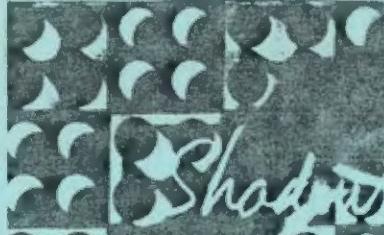
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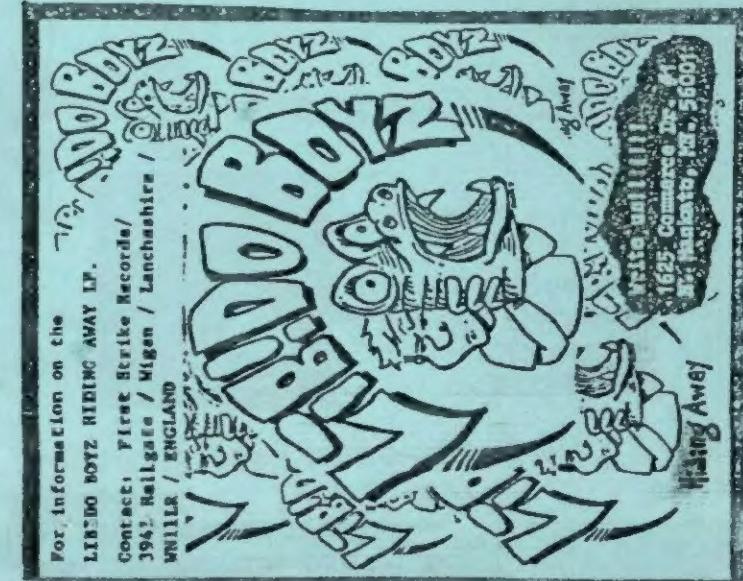


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